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SUBJ: ISRAELI VIEWS ON UN MEETINGS

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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WAS DISCUSSED WITH KIDRON OF MFA APRIL 19 WHO WELCOMED THIS FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE AND WILL PROVIDE HIS ITINERARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WHO. THE ROMANIAN MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL WHO COMMITTEE VISITED ISRAEL LAST WEEK AND THE INDONESIAN MEMBER IS EXPECTED IN EARLY MAY. ISRAEL FEELS IT HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING IN THIS MATTER BY ACCEPTING THESE VISITS NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT IT UNDERSTANDS THE COMMITTEE WILL PREPARE ITS REPORT AS A COMMITTEE AND NOT A COMPILATION OF SINGLE REPORTS BY THE INDIVIDUAL VISITORS.

3. UNCTAD. KIDRON IDENTIFIED THE SOURCE OF THE REPORT ABOUT
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POSSIBLE CHALLENGE OF ISRAELI CREDENTIALS AT UNCTAD IV AS THE

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CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA. HE REPORTEDLY TOLD
THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE THERE TEN DAYS AGO THAT HIS
INFORMATION WAS FROM GENEVA AND NEW YORK SOURCES AND HE
CONSIDERED IT TO BE A "HARD FACT". KIDRON SAID HE SHARES
THE DEPT'S CONCERN ABOUT A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE ISRAELI
POSITION IN UNCTAD OF THE VISIT BY SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER
VORSTER BUT HE HAS NO FIRM REPORT OF ANY REPERCUSSIONS YET.
HE NOTED THAT THE VORSTER VISIT MAY ALSO HAVE UNFAVORABLE EFFECTS
IN ECOSOC.

4. UNESCO. THE NEXT VISIT OF PROFESSOR LEMAIRE TO INSPECT THE
JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN SET FOR THE FIRST
WEEK IN MAY. MFA AGREES THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF UNESCO
IS NOT THE BEST TIME FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF UNESCO/ISRAELI
ISSUES.

5. HABITAT. KIDRON CHARACTERIZED THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE
CANADIANS ABOUT ISRAELI FILMS TO BE SHOWN AT HABITAT AS
"ABSOLUTE NONSENSE", AND SAID THIS RUMOR HAS BEEN CIRCULATING
FOR SOME TIME. HE READ FROM A REPORT FROM THE ISRAELI DELEGATION
IN NEW YORK WHICH SAID THAT THE HABITAT SECRETARIAT HAS
PREVIEWED THE THREE ISRAELI FILMS WHICH ARE TO BE SHOWN AND FOUND
THEM TO BE EXCELLENT. THE FILMS ARE ENTITLED "CONQUEST OF THE
DESERT", "WATER MANAGEMENT", AND "REGIONAL PLANNING". KIDRON
HAD NO FIRM REPORT OF LIKELY ANTI-ISRAELI MOVES AT HABITAT.
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